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# The Link Journalism Department Newsletter



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## C-J associate editor to speak on Thursday

Merv Aubespain, associate editor of The Courier-Journal, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Theresa W. Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center.

A guest of the department and the Society of Professional Journalists, Aubespain graduated from Tuskegee Institute when he was 18. He made the civil rights march from Montgomery, Ala., to Selma, Ala., along with Martin Luther King Jr. He also is a former president of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Among topics Aubespain will discuss are why diversity in the newsroom is important and journalists' roles in society.

## Professor named to KPA board

Bob Adams, publications advisor and journalism professor, was named president of the associate division of the Kentucky Press Association.

Adams said the division is comprised primarily by college newspapers and companies and state agencies that have an interest in journalism.

He will be on on KPA's board of directors, and he said his division's primary goal is to provide three public relations internships for next summer.

Adams said the money that would be used for the internships was formerly given out as public relations scholarships. He said the change is being made because most public relations internships are unpaid and students need those opportunities.

It hasn't been determined where the internships will be.

## Department places two more in Hearst

Joe Stefanchik and Chris Obenchain placed fourth and sixth, respectively, in the second round of the William Randolph Hearst photojournalism competition for 1994-95.

They were competing in the sports and news category, and Joe earns \$750 for himself and the department. He will be entering the photography finals competition.

Chris won \$500 for himself and the department for his work.

Western is currently first overall in the photo portion of the competition, and is selecting entrants for the third round, picture story and best effort.

Craig Fritz and Joe Howell placed first and fourth, respectively, in the first round.

Results of the in-depth reporting portion of the writing competition were released, but Western failed to place anyone, and dropped out of the top ten overall.

## Remodeling still being delayed

The Journalism Department's expansion and remodeling project is still on hold.

Department Head Joann Albers said she talked to Facilities Management Administrator Kemble Johnson and he said our project is one of 15 being delayed.

Albers said construction should start in the spring, and should be completed by the fall semester.

## PRSSA members entering nationals

Cheri Glass, Lynette Guthrie, Gina Goff, Rebecca Flynn and Gretchen Fella are creating a campaign to promote Jergen's Body Shampoo for entry in the national competition.

Jergen's will choose the top twenty entries to compete in the finals. The winning entry will be awarded \$2,000 for its chapter, and the winners will travel to

Cincinnati to present their campaign to Jergen's and their ad agency.

## Western alumni win big in state competitions

Journalism graduates from Western, former students and one current student were among award recipients recognized at the recent conventions of the Kentucky Press Association and the Kentucky News Photographers Association.

◆ Mark Chandler, editor of the weekly McLean County News, won first-place awards for the best sports picture and the best sports column, as well as one honorable mention and two second-place awards in the Weekly I division.

◆ In the Weekly III division, Dwain Harris, Anderson News of Lawrenceburg, won first-place awards for best feature story, best feature picture essay and best sports feature. Lisa Hurt Patterson, Meade

### ◆ Mark it on your calendar ...

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| ◆ FEB. 9 — Guest speaker, Merv Aubespain, associate editor, The Courier-Journal. | ◆ MARCH 2 — Guest speaker, Paul McMasters, director, First Amendment Center, The Freedom Forum. | ◆ MARCH 9 — Guest speaker, Jody Richards, speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives. |
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County Messenger, won first in the best story series contest. Harris and Patterson also won third-place awards.

Other winners in the division included Gary Moyers, Harrodsburg Herald, third-place and honorable mention awards; and Grace Moore, Mt. Sterling Advocate, a third-place award.

◆ In the Daily I division, Brian Wilkerson, Somerset Commonwealth-Journal, won a first-place award for the best general news picture as well as awards for third-place and honorable mention selections.

◆ First-place awards in the Daily II class went to Sharon Wright, Henderson Gleaner, best general news story and best sports feature; Chuck Stinnett, the Gleaner, for the best column on one subject; Cathy Clarke, the Gleaner, best general news picture; Mike Lawrence, the Gleaner, best news picture essay; and Jayme Burden, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise, best feature picture essay. Wright also won a third place and an honorable mention; Stinnett a second place, third place and an honorable mention; Clark three second places and a third place; Lawrence a second place; and Burden two second places.

◆ In the largest-size dailies, first-place awards went to Chris Poore,

Lexington-Herald-Leader, best feature story; Jim Pickens, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, best sports feature; Monica Dias, Kentucky Post of Covington, best on-going story series; Robert Bruck, Messenger-Inquirer, best news picture essay; Bill Estep, Herald-Leader, as part of a team writing the best spot news story; and Estep and Chris Poore, as part of a team writing the best investigative story. Poore also won a third place; Pickens a third place; Dias an honorable mention; and Bruck a second place, third place and an honorable mention.

◆ Other Western winners in this division were Todd Pack, Herald-Leader, a second place; Cathy Clarke, Messenger-Inquirer, a second and two third-place awards; and Jason Nuttle, a current student, a second-place award for his work at the Messenger-Inquirer.

◆ Jason was a first-place winner for his sports feature (newspaper) entry in the Kentucky News Photographers Association competition. The group selected Bill Luster, a former Western student now chief photographer at The Courier-Journal, as newspaper photographer of the year, and he also won the first-place award for the best newspaper feature picture story. Another first-place

award went to Brian Bohannon, a free lancer for The Courier-Journal, for the best newspaper feature photograph.

Nuttle also won a second; Luster a second and third; and Bohannon a second.

Cathy Clarke was the second runner-up for newspaper photographer of the year as well as the recipient for a third-place award. Robert Bruck won two third-place awards.

## Stefanchik nominated for Pulitzer Prize

◆ Joe Stefanchik has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in photography by The Courier-Journal.

The photograph, which depicted a Jan. 19, 1994, natural gas explosion on 15th Avenue and Stubbins Street in Bowling Green, was shot while he was free-lancing for the newspaper.

## Any suggestions for info for The Link?

◆ Call Dennis Varney, editor, at 6011 or give info to Corban Goble, advisor. The next deadline is noon Thursday, Feb. 16.